

Agenda Items and Actions:

No Public Comments.

Karen Paul- passed on comment, and was wanting to hear from BPD and their thoughts. Joan Shannon- has received numerous concerns from constituents of the uptick of crime. The data is presented is not accurate. The reduction of Police Force = increase of crime. Lack of Police presence in the downtown area alone has allowed lower-level crimes happening more openly. Thefts, bike thefts, car vandalism and our behaviors due to the crime increase have started to change. Her vision would like to see more community policing and long with more mental health assistance.

Officer Bryne Dispatch system is based on instances decline is due to the reduction of instances. Crimes are not being reported. Mental Health issues are on the rise as services are more difficult. The vision is to have policing in other ways, but to have to systems in place with data before a police reduction.

Mike Nguyen The statistics are domestic is down, shooting is up along with aggravated assault. Property crimes have doubled, along with car vandalism, drugs and overdoses. Staffing is way down and people are leaving. Narcotics do not have the man power and the drug unit is disappearing.

Public questions: revolved around how the calls were measured, how are specialized units going to be prioritized. Public concern over Sears Lane, and A New Place. Residences and Business Owners have reported property crimes have doubled and feeling like the lack of Police Force does not make it worth the trouble of reporting the crimes, because they feel like it won't matter. Paralysis/Analysis.

Milo Grant- Stated that she felt as though the personal experiences within areas is different within the community and the areas where people reside and what they are willing to accept. Would like to see an increase in Mental Health Services. There is public support to CAHOOTS (Crisis Assistance Helping Out On The Streets) within the Burlington area with a budget available from the City Mental Health Summit.

Karen Paul- Agrees with crime up with the result of reduction in Police Force. The City Council is working on a Recruitment/Retention with a 10,000 bonus for the Police Department. Joan Shannon added that she supports CAHOOTS. And firmly believes that community collaboration needs to happen with supporting policing policies. She also touched base on the reason for voting No on the \$40 million capitol bond was that she felt the first priority should be the High School. And second there was no list to what is to be paid.

Rama Kocherlakota- Reviewed the Ad-Hoc meeting for the Burlington Voter Redistricting.

Darren Springer, BED - Reviewed the Net Zero Energy Bond to include; grid updates, incentives for transitions, more EV charging stations. Home owner double incentives to reduce greenhouse gases with heat pump improvements within the home.

Matt Madalinski – Burlington Parks, Recreation and Waterfront. Reviewed Plans for the Pocket Park on Champlain Street and provided a survey link for public outreach. The goal for this park is totally geared towards children.

Survey from Burlington Parks and Rec <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ChamplainStParkSurvey1>